

## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST

### PROPOSITION 89

Elections should be decided by voters, not special interests. Elections should be about the best ideas, not who has the most money. Vote YES on Proposition 89 for fair and clean elections.

Proposition 89:

- Levels the playing field and makes our elections fairer and more competitive. Advocates for crime victims, education, healthcare, seniors and other regular Californians will no longer be drowned out by big campaign spenders.
- Saves taxpayers money by ending the incentive for legislative giveaways on lobbyist-driven projects. The \$3.3 billion in corporate tax loopholes today cost each California household \$275 every year.
- Provides the antidote to negative advertising. Candidates who accept public financing must participate in real debates and cannot hide behind negative 30-second ads.
- Does not increase taxes on individuals. Small businesses will not foot the bill.

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- Creates a Clean Money public financing system like those in other states that protects free speech and has been proven to be effective and constitutional.
- Opens our elections to a diversity of qualified candidates from all walks of life, like teachers, nurses and firefighters, not just those with access to the most money.
- Sets tough penalties for those who violate the law.

The special interests oppose Prop. 89 because they like the control they have over our political system today. As a *Los Angeles Times* headline said, “Prop. 89: So Good It’s Scary – to Sacramento.”

It is time to put the voters back in charge. VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION 89.

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